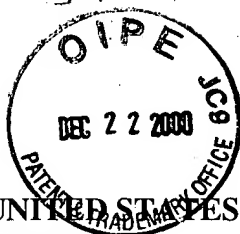


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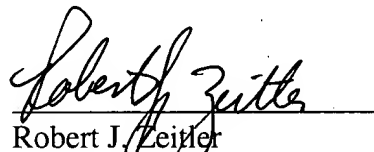
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AMENDMENT "A"

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 20, 2000, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Drawings:

Applicant submits herewith three copies of Figures 5-8, which inadvertently were not sent to the Patent Office when the application was originally filed. No new matter is being introduced with these drawings. Approval of Figures 5-8 is respectfully requested.

In the Specification:

Page 2, line 4, after "that" insert -- the --.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3, 10, 23 and 24 as follows:

Claim 3, line 3, before "member" delete "barrier" and insert -- retention --.

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